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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte JAY PAUL DRUMMOND, DALE BLACKSON, BOB A. CICHON, JOSEPH C. ESS, MARK A. MOALES, DAVID W. WEIS, MARK D. SMITH and JAMES CHURCH

Application No. 09/193,564

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 30, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

A review of the file indicates that the Examiner's Answer mailed August 31, 2006 (according to the IFW file) does not have a mail date stamped on it and the signature page contains an October 10, 2002 date. Correction is required.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is being electronically returned to the examiner to file the Examiner's Answer mailed August 31, 2006 with amailing date in order to clarify the record, and for further action as may be appropriate.

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